Johnson County Department of Health and Environment

2012 Annual Report

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Our Vision:
Leading the Way to a Healthier Community
Protecting You and Your Environment

Our Mission:
To Prevent Disease and to Protect and Promote the Health of the Community

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opportunity noun /ˌə-pər-tjuˈnə-tē/ 1: a favorable juncture of circumstances, 2: a good chance for advancement or progress.

2012 was quite the year for opportunities! A favorable juncture that resulted in advancement for our department occurred in March 2012, when the Health Department and the Environmental Department joined to become the Johnson County Department of Health and Environment. With the combining of the two departments, a greater force was created to protect the health of our community.

Opportunities continued to abound this year with the implementation of the Johnson County Community Health Improvement Plan. Many community partners continue to participate in initiatives around the priority areas of nutrition, physical activity, access to health care, mental health and substance abuse. To review the progress of these initiatives, go to http://jcdhe.jocogov.org.

An exciting opportunity that came our way was the acceptance of our initial application to become an accredited entity by the Public Health Accreditation Board. This voluntary accreditation credentialing process was introduced in September of 2011 to health departments across the nation. JCDHE was the first department in Kansas to apply.

Also, the Johnson County Solid Waste Code of Regulations was successfully implemented across the county with consistent solid waste services offered to all county citizens. The result was an increase in citizen participation in recycling programs and recycling material delivered to regional sorting facilities.

We look forward to exciting progress as the future unfolds, and are actively seeking and ready to respond to every opportunity that knocks in 2013.

Lougene Marsh, Director
James Joerke, Deputy Director
In 2012, schools in the county as required by state statute. Attorney's Office. Additionally, this division inspects and/or coordinates the annual inspections of all Program. Facility complaints are investigated and illegal care issues are resolved with the District because she thought it would be helpful to them, and as it turns out, the parents of one of the kids in her care to attend our asthma class. People also come from surrounding counties to attend the classes offered, with attendees.

Richard Brewington, Director

The Administrative Operation Division supports all divisions through fiscal monitoring, grant coordination and reporting, budgeting, auditing, accounting, statistics, billing, data entry, computer operations, payroll, front desk operations, inventory monitoring and medical chart preparation.

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Eldonna Chesnut, Director

The Child Care Licensing Division provides health/safety information and educational classes to child care providers and parents. Child Care Surveyors complete initial, annual, and compliance check visits to licensed child care facilities and make recommendations regarding licensure to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Family Health, Child Care Licensing Program. Facility complaints are investigated and illegal care issues are resolved with the District Attorney's Office. Additionally, this division inspects and/or coordinates the annual inspections of all schools in the county as required by state statute.

In 2012, 2,274 visits were conducted. A total of 106 classes were offered, with 3,446 attendees.

The Immunization Program provides adult, childhood, school, and travel immunizations for vaccine-preventable diseases and vaccine education and screenings for tuberculosis. Education about the most up-to-date information on immunization requirements and recommendations is also provided. In 2012, 30,067 routine vaccinations were administered.

The Outreach Nurse Program provides registered nurses who offer screening, assessment, education, resource information, and referral services to seniors and new mothers. In 2012, 783 senior adult home visits were made and 1,019 mother/newborn home visits were provided. The Outreach Nurses offered 24 monthly blood pressure screenings with 4,992 screenings performed.

The Disease Containment Program works to prevent, contain, and control the transmission of disease, including tuberculosis, through education and investigation of disease patterns in our community. This program also collaborates with the Public Health Emergency Program in active surveillance for unusual sets of symptoms and events.

The Public Health Emergency Program (PHEP) is responsible for ongoing readiness related to large-scale disease outbreaks. PHEP collaborates with community partners and other County departments to assess and support responses to natural and man-made disasters.
Environmental Division

One definition of environmental is “of, relating to, or being concerned with the ecological impact of altering the environment.” The JCDHE Hazardous Materials Collection Facility recycles and distributes over 7,000 gallons of latex paint annually to low-income families directly and through not-for-profit partners. The facility also has a “reuse store” through which residents can obtain usable household and garden products at no charge. These efforts ensure that household hazardous wastes stay out of the landfill and area streams and rivers.

Betsy Betros, Director

Household Hazardous Waste and Air Quality Programs, Betsy Livingston, Program Manager

Environmental Health Programs, Todd Rodgers, Program Manager

The Air Quality Program contracts with the Kansas Department of Health & Environment to conduct inspection and ensure compliance with federal and state air quality regulations. The County’s internal Ozone Reduction Campaign encourages employees to reduce driving, car engine idling and use alternative transportation (riding bikes, taking the bus, and carpooling). Since its inception in 2004, the campaign has reduced employee driving by over two million miles and eliminated over two million pounds of air pollution.

The Household Hazardous Waste Program allows County residents to bring their unwanted hazardous materials, at no charge, for safe disposal, recycling, or reuse to the Philip J. Wittek Hazardous Materials Collection Facility in northeast Johnson County. The program has served residents since 1993 and is open year round by appointment only.

The On-Site Waste Treatment Program ensures that on-site septic systems are properly designed and operated. It also inspects new residential and commercial on-site septic systems and existing commercial and residential systems subject to property transactions. The program also investigates complaints about malfunctioning on-site septic systems.

The Pool Program licenses commercially operated swimming pools (municipal facilities, schools, health clubs, hotels/motels, homes associations) and operators ensuring adherence to the Johnson County Environmental Sanitary Code. Water quality is ensured through a rigorous inspections program, constant and consistent operator education and collaboration with community partners.

The Solid Waste Program inspects, monitors, permits and conducts oversight activities pertaining to all solid waste management facilities in the County. It assures investigation of and proper cleanup of illegal solid waste dumps, and serves as staff support to the County’s Solid Waste Management Committee. The Solid Waste Program promotes recycling, composting and waste reduction.
Health Education Division

Health Education includes opportunities for learning, designed to foster knowledge, motivation, and skills which improve individual and community health. An example of health education in action is the Target-ed Case Management program. Brittany enrolled in this program when she was aged sixteen and 11 weeks pregnant. She worked with her case manager to establish goals in a variety of life areas, including daily living, health, education, relationships, employment, parenting, finances, and empowerment. Currently, Brittany is working toward graduating high school early and is starting classes at Johnson County Community College. She demonstrates appropriate parenting skills with her eight-month-old daughter, who is happy, healthy, and up to date with immunizations and well-baby visits. Brittany meets regularly with her case manager.

Barbara D. Mitchell, Director

The Health Education Division promotes healthy behaviors through classes, presentations, programs, screenings, workshops, health fairs, webinars, professional seminars and policy change initiatives throughout the community. Program/project areas include:

- Chronic disease risk reduction, with an emphasis on tobacco reduction
- Community wellness, with an emphasis on access to healthy foods
- Senior wellness, including screenings and education
- Targeted Case Management, a program for pregnant and parenting teens
- Safe Kids Johnson County, childhood injury prevention programs and events
- Making A Difference / Let’s Get Growing, parent/adolescent growth and development programs
- Continuing Nursing Education workshops, offered throughout the year
- Student internships, designed for undergraduate and graduate students
- Public information, including communications, press releases, media inquiries and events.

In 2012, 63,319 health education services were provided.

2012 Department Highlights

- Applied to the Public Health Accreditation Board for voluntary accreditation - a new credentialing process offered to health departments across the nation.

- Implemented a community health improvement plan in the priority areas of nutrition/physical activity, access to care and mental health/substance abuse.

- Vaccinated 1,000 people with close contact to children <12 months of age with Tdap vaccine as part of “Tdap for Infant Caregivers Project” offered by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

- Received a score of 100% on the annual Division of Strategic National Stockpile Local Technical Assistance Review for emergency preparedness procedures for a second year in a row.

- Received a federal grant to upgrade tank capacity for the natural gas refueling station located at the County’s Nelson Wastewater Treatment Plant.
2012 Department Highlights

* Formed the Informatics/Quality Improvement Team to provide management of quality improvement and health informatics projects, led by Deb Whiteman.

* Added child care provider classes to help providers meet new state training requirements for licensure.

* Began a new partnership/collaboration with Health Partnership Clinic to provide fluoride varnish services to young children.

* Began using iPads instead of paper surveys to capture child care provider inspection information.

* Awarded 15 local companies the “Green Business Award” for their environmental stewardship efforts.

* Implementation of the Johnson County Solid Waste Code of Regulations resulting in greater diversion of recyclables and yard waste from the county landfill.

Our Locations

11875 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe, KS 66061 (health clinic site)

6000 Lamar Avenue, Mission, KS 66202 (health clinic site)

11811 S. Sunset Drive, Olathe, KS 66061